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B - E Friends

Newsletter of the Bethlehem — Eidsvold Parish



It may be the most famous square foot in the history of Art.

- part of the most famous ceiling in the world
- by the most famous artist in the world
- jam packed with spiritual meaning and power
- for centuries !

Only one problem; the famous area where Adam and God the Father's fingers are tantalizingly close to each other, is not by Michelangelo. Not really.

It seems that a couple hundred years ago chunks of plaster in this zone fell to the floor when the Sistine Chapel was shaken by an explosion. So, somebody got up there, maybe after prayer and a "gulp", patched the plaster and repainted the finger of Adam and tried to make it look like it had never happened. The patch was good enough to not draw attention to itself and Michelangelo's original idea still shines through. But it seems worth repeating: the most famous moment in the most famous ceiling, admired by millions, is not by Michelangelo.

In a similar manner... Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were not actually written by Jesus. They were written by people touched by Jesus' life and message – but Jesus shines through!

We are regular Christian folks. We are not world renowned. We are not Jesus and yet, we are given the honor of, with Gods help, making Jesus shine through. We often do this in simple ways. The point is not for us to gain attention, but to Celebrate and Serve the Master *in our time*.

Carry on friends! Carry On!

Pastor Mike



Birthdays

May you have a fantastic Birthday
and a Great Year!

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| 1 – Andy Esterby* | 17 – Geraldine Hoffman |
| 2 – Jada Potts | 18 – Danial Langer* |
| 4 – Domenick Donley | 19 – Brian Girdeen |
| 5 – Chris Peterson | 20 – Andrea Helseth |
| 5 - Cedrec LaFave | 21 – TriChelle Smaller |
| 6 - Fiona Andrews | 21 - Paisley Lewison |
| 7 – Marlyce Bayer | 24 – Spencer Peterson |
| 10 – Kathy Sears | 25 – Miles Pritchard |
| 10 - Megan Bignell | 26 – Emily Gregory |
| 12 – Frank Peterson | 27 – Mikael Andrews |
| 12 - Mark Girdeen | 29 – Marta Friedrich |
| 13 – Marc Sears | 31 – Lee Langer |
| 15 - Mason Regenscheid | 31 - Rich Lofgren |

* Friend of the parish

If your birthday doesn't appear on our
monthly birthday calendars, please let
Phyllis know so she can add it.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

HILL CLIMB, SUNDAY AUGUST 8TH

Any group of individuals (confirmation classes, youth group, individuals from the church or another organization) can volunteer to help with parking for the hill climb on Sunday, August 8th. For helping, your organization will be paid up to \$200. For more information, contact Sue Gerdes at 651-380-3947.

Women of the Parish Bible Study

will meet Wednesday, August 18th at 1:30 p.m. at Eidsvold. This session will focus on "Just Hope". The Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention is meeting August 3-5 by Zoom. Phyllis is a voting member to this convention.

CARING FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Giving of our time and talents is one way of serving our faith community.

Thank you to the following individuals who will be serving this faith community during August.

Bethlehem

Altar Guild: Jan Kearns

Church cleaning: Jan Kearns, Trevor Alms

Eidsvold

Church Cleaning:

- August 8 - Lorna Eidem
- August 15 - Mandy Jepson
- August 22 - Mandy Jepson
- August 29 - Colby & Heather Brown

Indoor Registration/Ushers

- August 8 - Lorna Eidem
- August 15 - Karen Brostrom, Joey Peterson
- August 22 - Brenda Singer
- August 29 - Kathy Sears, Samantha Sears

Parking Lot FM Transmission Registration

- August 8 - Anne, Blake, Kaitlin Girdeen
- August 15 - need a volunteer
- August 22 - Mandy Jepson
- August 29 - Andrea and Tracie Esterby

Altar Committee—put unused communion cups in refrigerator after worship, discard used cups in garbage and wash cup containers: Bev Peterson

AUGUST READERS:

Bethlehem

- August 1 - Joint Worship in the Park
- August 8 - Pam Johnson
- August 15 - Joint Worship at Eidsvold
- August 22 - John Beastron
- August 29 - Ann Whipple

Eidsvold

- August 1– Dodee Bloomstrand
- August 8 - Fay Albarado
- August 15 - Brenda Singer
- August 22 - Rita Anderson
- August 29 - Tana Langer

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE ON SALE!



NOW is the time to purchase school supplies for students in our community or for Lutheran World Relief school kits.

Local schools always have a need for school supplies and are grateful for any donations you make of notebooks, glue, pencils, erasers, crayons, pens, colored pencils and markers, paper towels, Kleenex, cleansing and sanitary wipes, etc.

Lutheran World Relief Kits are highly regarded throughout the world because of their quality and consistency! Following the enclosed instruction page ensures that all LWR Quilts and KITS are **USEFUL**, **CONSISTENT**, and **FAIR** (all recipients are treated equally and fairly).

School Kits provide hope and future to Children around the world.

Education is one of the strongest tools for breaking poverty, and educating girls has even stronger results. School kit supplies help children—and in some cases, adults—continue learning. Learning leads to a better life for them, their families, and their communities.



- A listing of supplies for a Lutheran World Relief school kit (and other kits) can be found in this newsletter.
- The backpack bags are available at each congregation.
- In the back pew rack and on the piano at each congregation are small envelopes with **small rubber bands for you to take** to band the pencils and pens.

Personal Care Kits provide much needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst fear and uncertainty when families are forced to leave their homes and arrive at refugee camps or other places of safety.

Stretch your hearts and hands to help people in need.



August 1— 9 a.m. Worship in Esdaile Park (ice creams treats after worship)

August 15—9 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at Eidsvold with Pastor Kent Johnson

August 8, 22, and 29:
9:00 a.m. Eidsvold
10:30 a.m. Bethlehem

September 5— 9 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at Eidsvold with Pastor Hasselquist

Worship schedule changes September 12th.

EIDSVOLD PARKING LOT

The Eidsvold Parking Lot is being resurfaced on Monday and Tuesday, August 2nd and 3rd. Please do not use the parking lot on those days.



Eidsvold Church Council

will try to meet in person the first week of August—
Watch for the e-mail.



Check out our parish website & Facebook

Worship times will also be posted on these.
<https://www.bethlehemeidsvoldchurches.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem.Eidsvold/>

LUTHERAN DISASTER FUNDS AT WORK

In 2020, Lutheran Disaster Response worked in 53 countries around the world and in 46 states and territories of the US—including Wisconsin—providing relief due to COVID, hurricanes, wildfires and other crises, walking with survivors and communities during their journey of recovery.